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The Honorable Clay Higgins
Member, U.S. House of
Representatives
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Dear Congressman Higgins:

Thank you for your letter of October 13, 2020, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expressing your support for Gulf Coast Sequestration's (GCS) recent submittal of a Class VI Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit for a Southwest Louisiana carbon sequestration project.

EPA Region 6 UIC staff along with EPA headquarters UIC staff have already held several discussions with GCS representatives about the site and the permitting process and expect to continue those conversations throughout the permit review. ~~EPA notes that a Class VI UIC permit represents its most complex and comprehensive injection well permitting process with extensive monitoring and reporting required under the permit once the site injection activity begins.~~

GCS' initial submittal to Region 6 on October 13, 2020 represented a partial permit application with several additional parts anticipated in the coming months. Region 6 expects to work extensively with GCS to obtain a complete permit submittal and then to review the technical elements of the permit to ensure it meets regulatory requirements.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (214) 665-8138, or your staff may contact Ken Johnson, Region 6 Ground Water/UIC Section Chief, at (214) 665-8473.

Sincerely,

Charles Maguire
Water Division Director

Commented [BJ1]: This sentence may appear to others as EPA's stated intent to impose overly burdensome requirements on Class VI projects. Let's take it out to avoid the backlash of any red flags it may signal.